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SUBJECT: CANADIANS RAISE HEAVY WATER SALES TO INDIA WITH SOVIETS

REF: A) IAEA VIENNA 6217; B) MOSCOW 11681

1. SUMMARY. CANADIANS RAISED SOVIET HEAVY WATER NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA DURING VISIT LAST WEEK OF MEA ASSISTANT UNDER-SECRETARY GOLDSCHLAG, AND RECEIVED ANSWER THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY BUT THAT SOVIETS WILL ADHERE STRICTLY TO AGREED GUIDELINES. END SUMMARY.

2. AT POL COUNSELORS' MEETING JULY 29, CANADIAN REP LOOYE REPORTED THAT DURING VISIT TO MOSCOW WEEK OF JULY 19 GOLDSCHLAG HAD EXPRESSED CANADIAN CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET HEAVY WATER SALES TO INDIA IN TALKS WITH MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ISRAELYAN AND OTHERS. HE HAD EXPLAINED THAT CANADA BROKE OFF ITS SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA OVER THE QUESTION OF INDIAN ADHERENCE
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TO INTERNATIONALLY AGREED GUIDELINES, AND THAT THERE WOULD

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BE A HUE AND CRY AT HOME IF THE SOVIETS MOVE IN TO TAKE
OVER THIS SUPPLIER ROLE. THE SOVIET ANSER HAD BEEN THAT
NEGOTIATIONS ARE INDEED UNDERWAY WITH THE INDIANS, BUT THAT
THE SOVIETS WILL ADHERE SRTICTLY TO THE GUIDELINES AGREED UPON
BY THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS.

3. COMMENT. THIS APPEARS TO BE THE CONSULTATION UNDER
ARTICLE 14 OF THE LONDON AGREEMENT THE CANADIANS REQUESTED;
IT ALSO MAY FALL SHORT OF THE "OFFICIAL RAISING" OF THE
MATTER ISRAELYAN AND TIMERBAYEV SEEMED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT
(REF B). SOVIETS WOULD SEEM TO BE SEEKING TO RESERVE THEIR
POSITION ON INDIAN COMPLIANCE AND THEIR OWN OBLIGATIONS
UNDER THE LONDON AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS.
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